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The Honorable Mayor Sharpe James
City Hall, Room 200
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Dear Mayor James:

It is with respect for your leadership skills, admiration of your accomplishments and faith in your ability to continue to make Newark, New Jersey one of America's premiere cities, that I heartily endorse your re-election as Mayor.

As the Mayor of New Jersey's largest city, you have demonstrated through your vision, hard work and dedication that new jobs, new homes, safer communities and vastly improved public services can make a difference in the lives of the people who live and work in Newark. Your lifelong commitment to the needs of others has infused the residents of Newark with a newfound sense of pride and optimism that will help keep the city's transformation alive.

Your personal story is much like that of Newark's. Overcoming poverty, social obstacles and adversity, you have made a success of your life in the same way you have dedicated yourself to the success of Newark. With a lifetime commitment to the communities of Newark, raising a family, teaching young people in the city's schools and giving back to others through public service, you possess a firsthand understanding of all the people in the community and you have shown that your dedicated perseverance and skillful leadership can actually transform a city.

The rejuvenation of Newark has been multi-dimensional, with reductions in crime, new jobs, new businesses, housing and new cultural attractions throughout all Newark's neighborhoods. And you have created a police department that reflects the community it serves. Because of our strong friendship, I also know that you still have great plans and innovative programs in store for Newark in the future, and the ability to make them happen. That is why your continued service as Mayor is so important.

This is not the time to break the momentum; this is not the time for any half-steps and this is not the time to turn the reigns of city leadership over to the untested and the unproven. Your record of real safety, real jobs and real progress—that is what Mayor Sharpe James embodies, and that is why you are the real choice in the upcoming municipal election, Tuesday, May 14th.

As your good friend and colleague, I wholeheartedly support your candidacy and stand ready to assist in any way I can with your re-election effort.

Yours in Progress,

Rev. Al Sharpton
President & CEO